REMARKS

Applicant's attorneys would like to thank Examiner Nguyen for agreeing to and for conducting an interview in this matter despite the issuance of a final office action and advisory action.

During the interview, as outlined in the Examiner's interview summary a proposed amendment was discussed. The instant amendment to the claims substantially conforms to the agreed upon changes to the claims discussed during the interview. Accordingly, in view of these amendments, and the Examiner' statements during the interview it is believed that these amendments render independent claims 1, 4, 5, and 9 allowable. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable therewith.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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